GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – A.P. Forest Department – Surprise check conducted by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Authorities at Wildlife Management Division, Eluru Section, Eluru on 10.11.2015 - Allegations of corruption and misconduct against Sri Md. Abdul Bari, formerly Forest Section Officer and In-charge Deputy Range Officer, Wildlife Management Division, Eluru Section, Eluru – Accused Officer placed on his defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings – Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings repealed - Case entrusted to Commissionerate of Inquiries – Appointment of Sri K.Venkata Ramireddy, Member, Commission of Inquiries as an Inquiring Authority – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 45 **Dated:13.03.2024.**

Read the following:

1)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, AP., Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.158/RCO-EWG/2015, dated 28.08.2017.
2)Memo.No.764/Sec.IV/A1/2017, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 25.07.2018.
3)An ordinance to repeal the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, published in Andhra Pradesh Gazette, PART IV-B Extraordinary, No.6, Amaravati, dated 16.08.2022.
4)G.O.Ms.No.98, General Administration (Services-E) Dept., dated 18.08.2022.
5)G.O.Rt.No.57, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 07.08.2023.
6)U.O.Note No.2338300/GAD/COI-R/2024-1, General Administration (COI-R) Department, dated 06.02.2024.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada has stated that, on credible information, a surprise check was conducted by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Authorities at Wildlife Management Division, Eluru Section, Eluru on 10.11.2015 and found certain irregularities. The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada has recommended for prosecution of the Accused Officer in a Court of Law for the offences u/s.7, 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of the Corruption Act, 1988 and departmental action for violation of Sub-rule 7 of Rule 9 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. After examining the matter, Government have placed Sri Md. Abdul Bari, formerly Forest Section Officer and In-charge Deputy Range Officer, Wildlife Management Division, Eluru Section, Eluru on his defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings (TDP) vide reference 2nd read above.

3. Whereas, in the references 3rd and 4th read above, Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 was repealed and all cases pending before the said date were transferred to the Commissionerate of Inquiries (COI) to continue the pending proceedings.

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4. And whereas, in the G.O.5th read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings by issuing Articles of Charges against Sri Mohd. Abdul Bari, Forest Section Officer and In-charge Deputy Range Officer, WLM Division, Eluru Section, Eluru, W.G. District under Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of Articles of Charges on 14.09.2023 but did not submit his written statement of defense till date.

5. The Commissionerate of Inquiries in the reference 6th read above, have nominated Sri K. Venkata Ramireddy, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against Sri Md. Abdul Bari, formerly Forest Section Officer and In-charge Deputy Range Officer, Wildlife Management Division, Eluru Section, Eluru.

6. Accordingly, Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, hereby appoint Sri K. Venkata Ramireddy, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries as an Inquiring Authority to enquire into the charges framed against Sri Md. Abdul Bari, formerly Forest Section Officer and In-charge Deputy Range Officer, Wildlife Management Division, Eluru Section, Eluru. The Inquiring Authority is directed to complete the enquiry within the stipulated period and furnish the Inquiry Report to the Government for taking further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri K. Venkata Ramireddy, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries & Inquiring Authority through General Administration (COI) Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi (With connected records i.e., (1) List of documents received from G.A (COI-R) Department (as per the list enclosed); (2) Articles of Charges issued to the Charged Officer)

Sri Kolavanti Pridhvi Raju, Advocate & Retired Public Prosecutor Grade-I & Presenting Officer through General Administration (COI) Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.

Sri Md. Abdul Bari, formerly Forest Section Officer and In-charge Deputy Range Officer, Wildlife Management Division, Eluru Section, Eluru through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The General Administration (COI) Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER